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A. M. Shaver, Calgary, President.

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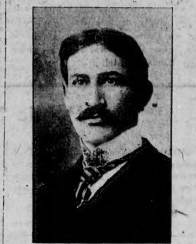
Strathcona has been chosen great honor in the selection of this city as the meeting place of the second annual convention of the Alberta Funeral Directors and Embalmers Association, which is to be held here on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, October 7th, 8th and 9th. Last year the first annual convention was held in the City of Calgary on September 25th, 26th and 27th, with Prof. Chas. A. Gennung, of Waterloo, New York, as the lecturer and demonstrator. That the convention was a thorough

success would only faintly express the enthusiasm it aroused among the funeral directors throughout the province. That the association has been able to do a vast amount of good in bringing before its members the very latest and most scientific methods connected with the profession is indisputable. The energy of the organizers and the enthusiastic support of the profession generally has contributed to this result. The object and work of the association should commend themselves to every one who desires to spare no pains to place himself in the forefront of his business. Besides the fact that the convention which will be largely attended, is to be held in Strathcona, this city has another cause for congratulation. The demonstrator who has been chosen is Dr. J. C. Wainwright, of Strathcona. Dr. Wainwright has the unique distinction of being the first Canadian lecturer on the science of embalming and the finer practices connected with funeral



H. W. Moffatt, Edmonton, 1st Vice-President.

convention will cordially regret it. A gold medal and two silver medals will be awarded to the members showing the best results in the examination on the subjects dealt with in the lectures and demonstrations. There will be a full display by all the leading firms in Canada of the latest designs in caskets, robes, linings, and hardware. The office bearers of the association are, as follows: President—A. M. Shaver, Calgary. First vice-president—H. W. Moffatt, Edmonton. Second vice-president—H. G. Stone, Red Deer. Treasurer—Geo. M. Williamson, Edmonton. Secretary—J. C. Wainwright, Strathcona. Sergeant-at-Arms—W. H. McClintock, Vermilion.



J. C. Wainwright, Strathcona, Lecturer and Demonstrator.

direction. He has a great advantage over other lecturers from other parts of the world in so much as he understands Western conditions thoroughly. His knowledge and experience have been acquired here and as the lecturers are to assist those conducting business in the West, no one is so well endowed to deliver the lectures as a westerner. Will it be a signal honor for a young man like Dr. Wainwright to be selected as lecturer, there can be no doubt that the time and attention which the Dr. has devoted to his business have gained for him a breadth of experience which merit of his selection. Arrangements are being made for special train fares and special hotel rates, and the undertaker who neglects this opportunity of joining the association if he has not



H. G. Stone, Red Deer, 2nd Vice-President.

PLEASURE SEEKERS DITCHED

Woodstock, Sept. 3.—A trainload of passengers, bound for the Toronto exhibition, had a miraculous escape in an accident near Glabe's station, ten miles from here. Steam coaches were derailed; two left the track, and one half buried in the earth. Fortunately, all the cars remained in an upright position, avoiding a terrible disaster. Three were injured and one may not survive. A special train was made up here and took the injured and other passengers to Toronto.

WANT BOGUS LORD RELEASED

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 3.—England now wants to re-open the case of "Lord Barrington," who is in the State Penitentiary at Jefferson City. He was sentenced to death, but his punishment was commuted to life imprisonment in 1903. Recent efforts on

the part of Mrs. Lillian Gales, who was a staunch friend of Barrington's, through his trial, are responsible for the efforts which the British government proposes to make to secure the release of Barrington. Mrs. Gales, who has been working on the case for the last year, now declares that McCann is not dead, but is tending bar at a saloon at 12 Harrison street San Francisco. A despatch from San Francisco says there is no saloon at the place mentioned. Thomas Ruskine, British consul at St. Louis, furnished Mrs. Gales with the proper credentials and she proposes to have an interview with Barrington in prison, then go to Chicago for a conference with the British government. When Barrington was found guilty of the murder of McCann, he was sentenced to death, but his punishment was commuted to life imprisonment by Governor Folk.

INQUIRY INTO PREMIER DISASTER

Winnipeg, Sept. 3.—Commander Spain, in the court house, held an open court of inquiry into the loss of the steamer Premier by fire at Warren's landing, and the appalling loss of life therein. The evidence of Inspector Phillips was that the steamer was well loaded, but the electric lighting was not certified as required by law. Mrs. Antoine, Cochrane, whose husband was one of the victims, stated that the Indian watchman employed on shore had the habit of sleeping on the post also that the captain seemed paralyzed, and helpless to fight the fire on the wharf but nothing was done to save the ship. She thought it could have been saved. Other evidence showed the anchor watch was very vague. It is stated word in a great measure blocked the staircase to the deck.

Run Again Moroccan Sultan Quits

Branson, Sept. 3.—Hon. Clifford Sifton has stated definitely that he is willing to again accept the nomination for the Dominion constituency of Brandon. Dr. Harcourt, chairman of the Liberal executive committee, received a telegram to-day from Mr. Sifton in which he expressed his willingness to accept the nomination if it was the unanimous wish of the Liberals of the riding. This declaration will be received with the greatest satisfaction and pleasure by every Liberal and many independents of the riding, and there is no doubt whatever that Mr. Sifton will be the unanimous choice of the convention to be held on Sept. 22.

VANCOUVER WORLD REVOLTS.

Vancouver, Sept. 3.—The World, Liberal here, has revolted from its political traditions and comes out with a leader denouncing party servitude, condemning graft and advocating the formation of a B. C. independent party for the betterment of all parties concerned.

WINNIPEG RID OF YEGMEN.

Winnipeg, Sept. 3.—The police are satisfied that the city is now rid of the band of yegmen, who, up to a week ago, were committing daring robberies and hold-ups. Detectives were assigned to hunt down these men, and on more than one occasion plain clothes officers clashed with members of the gang. It is thought that several of the vagrants arrested in Elmwood belong to the band. The others decided that things were becoming too warm, and they took the tip and left town. Residents of Elmwood state that the rough looking individuals, known since the recent powder theft, the spot where the cartridges were found, is near where a hold band of yegmen were captured two years ago.

C.P.R.'S BAD LUCK

Winnipeg, Man., Sept. 3.—Ill-fortune seems to be dogging the C.P.R. on the Superior division. The Winnipeg-Kenosha section was tied up for two days at the beginning of the week by the flood at Wabigoon, and now the Nipigon section is tied up by a burnt bridge. Trains on either side are transferring passengers and baggage, and as many as possible are being sent by the Nipigon route.

North Bay, Ont., Sept. 3.—A fire on the C.P.R. occurred east of Port Arthur yesterday when a light engine hit the rear end of a freight train, smashing the engine, caboose and one car. Hardly had the trains been fixed when the six hundred foot bridge, between White River and Scrabble, was burned. It was ignited by sparks from the engine. In the meantime traffic will have to go via the Soo line route and will take at least three days to Minneapolis. The Imperial hotel was a victim of a C.P.R. disaster which left, here last evening had to go over the Soo line route and the Pacific express, westbound, lost 12 hours to-day, 24 miles east of here, owing to a broken tie on the engine, delaying the train. Two east bound passenger trains are stalled at Scrabble. The strike situation is quiet. Evidence is not to be used under the alien labor act. Twelve hundred attended the benefit concert last night.

Moroccan Sultan Quits

Tangier, Sept. 3.—Mouli Haïd had been proclaimed Sultan at Ujda near the Moroccan border line, amid much popular rejoicing. Paris, Sept. 4.—Abdul Aziz, overthrown Moroccan sultan, has, it is reported here, determined not to contest the struggle against his brother, Nulai Haïd, the successful usurper of the throne. Whether he will simply drop out of sight or formally announce his abdication is unknown. Mohammed Sidi El Mokri, Moroccan minister of foreign affairs, gave out the information this morning.

London, Sept. 3.—While the intense excitement manifested in France over the declaration of Germany regarding the immediate recognition of Mouli-Haïd, is finding no counter part here, there is yet much concern over the situation. Expectations are that Great Britain is strained, and will move slowly in the matter of making recognition of the usurper, in fact will do so only after he has agreed to the demands which France and Spain are now formulating. Sifted into the acceptance of the agreement, entered into by his brother with the powers that took part in the Algerian conference. Officials of the government take the view that the action of Germany is an attempt to gain undue influence over Mouli-Haïd by being first to extend recognition.

Berlin, Sept. 3.—The suddenness of the Government's move in Morocco has created some surprise, but the press is practically unanimous in maintaining its wisdom and correctness. Some curious similarities of expression in various newspapers suggest the same source of inspiration for the comments. Berliner Tagblatt also among the leading papers doubt the wisdom of the government's action and wonders why the government, which a few days ago declared its willingness to await the French proposals should so suddenly have lost its patience. "Anst der Tagblatt" it may be deduced from the press that there is a disposition that if the other powers do not acquiesce speedily, the German government will act independently within its limit of diplomacy, to bring pressure upon France to resign from carrying out the mission made by Algeria's conference.

APPLY EARLY FOR LAND GRANTS

Ottawa, Sept. 3.—Forms of application for land bounties to veterans upon the act of last session are now available at the militia department. They will also be obtainable from any district commanding officer. Officials of the department say that early application is advisable in order that applications may be passed upon and forwarded to the militia department which will issue warrants to individual applicants.

Applicants have, in case of non-commissioned officers and privates, to send on their discharges, which will be returned.

FOUND DEAD ON HIS CLAIM.

Nelson, B. C., Sept. 3.—W. F. Edgar, a prospector of Vainir, left ten days ago, alone, to perform assessment work on his claim. For a day, he was searched for, and his body was found on his claim. Edgar had evidently been killed by a dynamite explosion while working. His only known relative is a brother of Carona, Cal.

Strike Situation Unchanged

Montreal, Sept. 3.—Beyond taking on a number of new men said to include a carload from outside points, and also a few returned strikers, the situation of the C.P.R. mechanics strike remains unchanged. The company says that thirty cars a day are being turned out at the Angus shops, Toronto, Ont., Sept. 3.—It is announced that an amicable arrangement has been reached between the C.P.R. and telegraphers whereby the Magentic operator is to be restored with full pay for lost time. Consequently the board will give no decision.

FORAKER FEELS INSULTED.

Toloso, O., Sept. 2.—The Times, independent morning paper, publishes an interview with Senator Foraker, in which he denies in positive terms that he and Taft have become friends and that he would take the stump for the presidential nomination. Foraker declared that he had been insulted and he throws down the gauntlet to Taft.

ANOTHER VICTIM FOR BURNS.

Melbourne, Thursday, Sept. 3.—Tommy Burns, the heavy-weight pugilist of Canada, to-day defeated Bill Lang, of Australia, in the sixth round. Lang was out-generaled by Burns in the fighting. After the first two rounds the Canadian had it all his own way. Honors were comparatively even in the first round, and in the second Lang knocked Burns down of his feet with a heavy blow. Burns came back with a punch on the Australian on the floor several times before the latter was counted out in the sixth.

Squires has issued another challenge to Burns.

BIG COPPER FIND

Port Arthur, Sept. 3.—One of the finest samples of ore ever seen in this city is brought from the Sudbury lake district by Mr. Spencer Bennerman.

It is a piece of rock weighing about five pounds, and showing chat, pyrite (copper), a small portion of borate and free gold.

The copper is shown, by assay, to run about eight or ten per cent, and the gold \$65 to the ton. The gold value alone is regarded as sufficient to pay for the mining and smelting, while the copper values are at the same time exceedingly rich.

Mr. Bennerman made his find on the north side of Sturgeon lake, and states that he has a vein fourteen feet in width. He traced it almost all the way across his forty acre claim. The vein disappears near the line of the claim under a heavy capping of trap rock, but the indications are that it continues beneath.

Not so many prospectors have been coming down from the Sturgeon lake country lately, but several have been going in, and doubtless the prospecting is going on with much greater vigor than ever. Everyone who comes out tells of good finds, and it seems to be only a matter of waiting for the construction of the Transcontinental railway, when with the better means of transportation and communication, prospecting will be followed by actual development work and producing mines.

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CURRENT COMMENT

HOW ABOUT POSTERITY?

The easy flippancy with which the government press dismisses cases of thousands of miles of timber irrevocably alienated, of multitudes of coal fields thrown away and of millions of acres of the choicest lands of the West tossed to party favorites must stagger any non-party man who pauses for a moment to consider. We are prepared for the moment to assume that the charges of economic depravity brought against the defunct Conservative government prior to 1896 and the still existent continuation of administrators in the Laurier government since are correct and proven to the hilt. The honest thinker, the man who believes that patriotism is still a virtue, although old fashioned when compared with the Siftonian creed must be staggered by the price in reputation and character that must be paid to posterity as a consequence of the legalized debauches in the property of the public domain that have taken place. Where will the Hon. Chif Sifton and his "shield and defender the ancient of days" Hon. Frank Oliver stand when public of twenty years hence come to judge of the conduct that has been heard heartily followed during the past few years. When posterity realises that the possible coal lands, that the available timber limits, that the whole of the fishing rights and every other usage of the public domain have been thrown to speculators who have the people by the throat. What will the dictum of posterity on Sifton and Oliver "When all men starve the wild moose" million feed.

"Will kick them from their places, but then too late, too late." But one thing must never be lost sight of by the elector. He cannot dodge his personal responsibility. Every vote given to Hon. Frank Oliver or to Dr. McCreery is a direct assumption of responsibility for the plunder. It is on your shoulders that the curses of the millions that will populate Alberta where there are thousands today will fall. You, the elector, have seen things going on under your eyes and you have not kicked. You have permitted the pilfering to proceed and have shrugged your shoulders. Who are Burrows, Sifton, Adams and Turfitt that you should applaud them? Must your children's children suffer at your hands? Now is the day of opportunity. Rise and assert your manhood and drive this government of makebaskets into oblivion. It is insulted by its friends and pitted by its foes. Do something to leave an unsullied legacy behind as seek Tob's alternative which was to curse God and die.

"A communication was received from the officer commanding No. 13 in regard to the establishment of an armory in this city the site to be approximately 1000 feet. It was stated that if the city would provide a site the government would in all probability construct the building. The plans are now being prepared for the erection of such a building and the exhibition grounds were suggested as a very suitable spot for the erection of such a building. The communication was laid on the table."

The above paragraph is clipped from the Journal's report of the Edmonton city council meeting on Tuesday evening. What does this mean Dr. McIntyre? Is this the plot armory for Edmonton and Strathcona which we

Although this rate was not too under the same conditions as that from which it is named, yet it was of sufficient severity to cause the various contestants. Practically every competitor partook of some amount of Bovril in the course of the race and it is reported that of the 38 who finally finished no less than 36 made Bovril their choice. Among the winners were Hayes, the winner; Dornan, the first arrival; Hadden, the official second; and Forsyth, the third. It is stated that the quick results obtained from the use of Bovril were really wonderful.

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The federal party in 1893 held a convention at which a platform was drawn up. It contained many planks which were presented to the country as promises to be fulfilled if a Liberal government was returned to power.

Among these pledges were those to abolish the senate, to reduce taxation and expenditure, to cut down the public debt, all of which have been broken.

But one of the planks of that platform was the following:—"That in the opinion of this convention the sales of public lands of the Dominion should be to actual settlers only, and not to speculators."

We contend that this promise also has been completely shattered. Nowhere is this more clearly demonstrated than in this transaction known as the "Saskatchewan Valley Land Deal."

In the middle west, between Regina and Prince Albert, there lay a stretch of country which did not receive early settlement. It was regarded by some as semi-wild, but Dominion Colonization Agent Speers, one of the best authorities in the West in his time, believed and said that this belt could support a thriving agricultural population. He reported his belief to the government and requested that he be given an opportunity to establish an experimental farm to show what could be done with the land. At that time Mr. Turill was Land Commissioner of the government. He appears to have turned a deaf ear to Mr. Speers' request. But Mr. Turill had a brother-in-law by the name of Adamson (they both have since become members of parliament), and Mr. Adamson formed a syndicate for the purpose of acquiring land in the Saskatchewan Valley.

First of all the syndicate purchased from the Qu'Appelle Long Lake and Saskatchewan railway their right to select 800,000 acres of land. Now so

long as the government had been dealing with it, this railway company had been compelled to select its land from among the areas offered by other companies, but, no sooner had Mr. Adamson and his friends purchased the railway's right, than it was found that the area of selection had been altered so as to take in what was left in the belt previously reserved for the Manitoba and North Western Railway Company, where there was still available much excellent land, so that it became no longer difficult to satisfy the grant. This kind treatment by the government increased the value of the railway grant enormously.

Nor Was This All.

Mr. Adamson's company next purchased from the government (brother-in-law Mr. Turill being land commissioner at the time) 250,000 acres, of intervening homestead land which was sold to them for only \$1 an acre upon settlement conditions. With the altered area of selection for their railway grant and with the right to purchase homestead land in 63 townships at \$1 an acre, Mr. Adamson's company, or as it was called, the Saskatchewan Valley Land Company, had a conception of great value. They proceeded to sell the land which had cost them \$1 an acre for from \$6 to \$10 an acre. Within two years all lands bought from the government had been sold and it is estimated that the profit of the company on this transaction reached \$1,000,000. Had the homestead lands not been sold to the syndicate they could have passed directly into the hands of the settler. As it is the settler has had to pay \$5 to \$10 an acre to the middlemen. When the Conservative opposition asked this government how they could justify such a transaction and make it conform with the principle laid down in their convention platform they were silent. It was but one more of their so repudiated promises.

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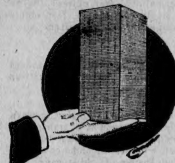
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